

Motion #1: to approve the following changes to the examination period, academic regulations and calendar dates for completion of the 2023 Winter semester.

Examination Period

In order to complete the 2023 Winter semester by April 28, 2023, there will be no formal final examination period. The remaining assessment and teaching in the Winter semester are conducted at the discretion of the individual instructor (for AVC, in consultation with the Dean / Associate Dean ¹).

Academic regulations #13 and #17 are modified as follows for the 2023 Winter semester.

Suspension of Academic Regulation #13 (a) and (d): Examination Regulations

- Assessments may occur during class time, take-home, or online, until the end of the scheduled teaching period, April 28, 2023.
- Instructors agree to make every effort to accommodate the needs of individual students during the remainder of the academic year.

Modification of Application of Academic Regulation #17: Academic Standing

- This regulation will not be fully applied to any student who would otherwise receive a standing of Academic Probation or Academic Suspension in the May 2023 review. Any student in this situation will receive communication regarding the review, the standing and the leniency being granted, as well as direction on available supports and resources.
- In these cases, an Academic Standing of; “Leniency Granted (labor action)” will be reflected on the transcript in the Academic Standing entry.

Calendar Dates (All programmes except DVM)

- Extend the course discontinuation (without academic penalty) deadline to April 18, 2023 (no refund).
- Amend the last day of instruction and assessment to April 28, 2023.
- Grade submission deadlines remain as per Calendar dates.

Calendar Dates (DVM)

- Extend the course discontinuation (without academic penalty) deadline to April 18, 2023 (no refund).
- Amend the last day of instruction to May 5, 2023, if necessary, in consultation with the Dean / Associate Dean. Any instruction or assessment after April 28, 2023 will be virtual for the classes of 2025 and 2026.
- For the Classes of 2023 and 2024, instruction and assessments are provided virtually after April 15, 2023.

- Grades will be accepted up until May 17, 2023 for Classes of 2025 and 2026, and up until May 8, 2023, for Classes of 2023 and 2024.

Notes (DVM Program)

¹ For AVC, “in consultation” means meetings between the Dean / Associate Dean and the different cohorts of course instructors to clarify guidelines and preferences of the Dean / Associate Dean and instructors, in order to create balanced and considerate teaching and assessment schedules for each cohort of students (first, second and third years).



Motion #2: That for the AVC Class of 2023, clinical rotation credit requirements be reduced to 36 instead of 39. No changes are proposed to internal rotation requirements (i.e., 23 credits of core rotations and minimum 4 credits of internal electives).

Rationale for Change

The fourth year of the DVM program consists of a series of 3-week blocks of courses. When the strike started, there was one week remaining in the second last block, but with the likely date of the strike being communicated, the courses in the second last block were essentially completed prior to the start of the strike, with one or two days of assessment required in some courses to consider the courses completed. The last block has been lost; however, the last two weeks of April provide an opportunity to students who need a couple of weeks of credits to still graduate, and/or to conduct the assessments needed for the second last block. There are only two core courses required by 15 students for graduation and there are plans to complete these two courses prior to graduation. This request allows the remainder of the class to graduate without needing to obtain the last 3 weeks of elective courses scheduled at the end of the year.

The AVMA Council on Education (accreditation body) mandates a minimum of 30 weeks of clinical rotations during the fourth year at an accredited college. AVC already surpasses this requirement. The proposed modifications above facilitate fourth year completion for a majority of students, while not compromising key internal rotation requirements such as core rotations and a minimum of 4 credits of internal electives, as indicated in the calendar. It should be noted that the entire DVM Program consists of 157.5 credits, while undergraduate degrees at UPEI typically consist of 120 credits, and undergraduate degrees with honours typically consist of 126 credits. This reduction in fourth year credits from 39 to 36 for the Class of 2023 will still result in total program credits of 154.5.



Motion #3: That DVM students currently in an academic probationary period that is scheduled to end in May 2023 be permitted an extension of one semester to their academic probation if their weighted semester weighted average is $\geq 60\%$ but $< 65\%$.

Rationale for Change

Potential academic hardship due to labour disruption. Inequitable opportunity to improve semester weighted average compared to prior semesters.



Motion #4: That for the AVC 2023 sixth semester of the DVM Program (third year, winter semester) elective credit requirements be reduced from 16 to 13 hours.

Rationale for Change

The winter semester of third year at AVC is currently a combination of core courses spanning the entire semester and 5-week elective courses offered in either Module A (early winter), Module B (mid-winter) or Module C (late winter). When the strike started, only one of the five weeks of most of the Module C electives were completed. One two-week module C elective course (VCA 3617, Advanced Small Animal Oncology) could not be offered at all - credits for which 20 students currently require. There are three additional courses of concern, which are unlikely to be completed due to faculty availability after April 15: VCA 3522 (Clinical Nutrition for Small Animal General Practice); VCA 3612 (Spectrum of Care in Small Animal General Practice); and VHM 3510 (Techniques in the Evaluation of Equine Musculoskeletal Disorders). Having the flexibility to lower credits to 13 allows AVC to accommodate potential course cancellations for these 4 courses, and will reduce the course load for all students in module C.

This reduction in third year elective credits will facilitate the focus to be on the successful completion of the core courses in module C in the remaining time left in the semester so that the students can begin their fourth-year rotations in Block A on time. It should be noted that the entire DVM Program consists of 157.5 credits, while undergraduate degrees at UPEI typically consist of 120 credits, and undergraduate degrees with honours typically consist of 126 credits. This reduction in third year elective credits from 16 to 13 for the Class of 2024 will still result in total program credits of 154.5. The AVMA Council on Education (accreditation body) does not specify a minimum credit requirement for the third year of the program, only that core outcomes are achieved. This curriculum change ensures that core outcomes are achieved for this class for their third year and their fourth year of the program.